

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY07
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Introduction

The Status of Projects in Execution (SOPE) Report for FY07 provides information on all IBRD/IDA projects that were active as of June 30, 2007. The World Bank has issued a SOPE Report every year as an internal communication to the Board of Executive Directors. In accordance with the Bank's revised disclosure policy, since FY02, the SOPE Report is available to the public.

The report is intended to bridge the gap in information available to the public between the Project Appraisal Document or Program Document, disclosed after the Bank approves a project, and the Implementation Completion Report, disclosed after the project closes.

In addition to the project progress description, the FY07 SOPE report¹ contains project level comparisons of disbursement estimates and actual disbursements, and a table showing the loan/credit/grant amount and disbursements to date.

¹ Notes:

- Amounts and Graphs for loans/credits/grants in currencies other than U.S. dollars may not match exactly due to exchange rate fluctuations over the life of the project.
- Disbursement graphs are not included for Development Policy Operations, which provide quick-disbursing financing to support policy and institutional reforms. For these operations, funds are disbursed in one or more stages (tranches), released when the borrower complies with agreed prior actions.
- Projects which are not yet effective may not have a planned disbursement schedule and thus will not include a graph.



Country: West Bank and Gaza

Project Name (ID): Solid Waste and Environmental Management (P054051)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date : 10/10/2000

Midterm Review Date : 01/26/2004

Closing Date : 06/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : MULT-24696

Sector(s): Solid waste management(89%), Central government administration(4%), Sub-national government administration(4%), Other industry(3%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health(P), Municipal governance and institution building(P), Environmental policies and institutions(P), Other urban development(P), Municipal finance(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Project Development Objective is to implement an environmentally sound solid waste management system for the Jenin District.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

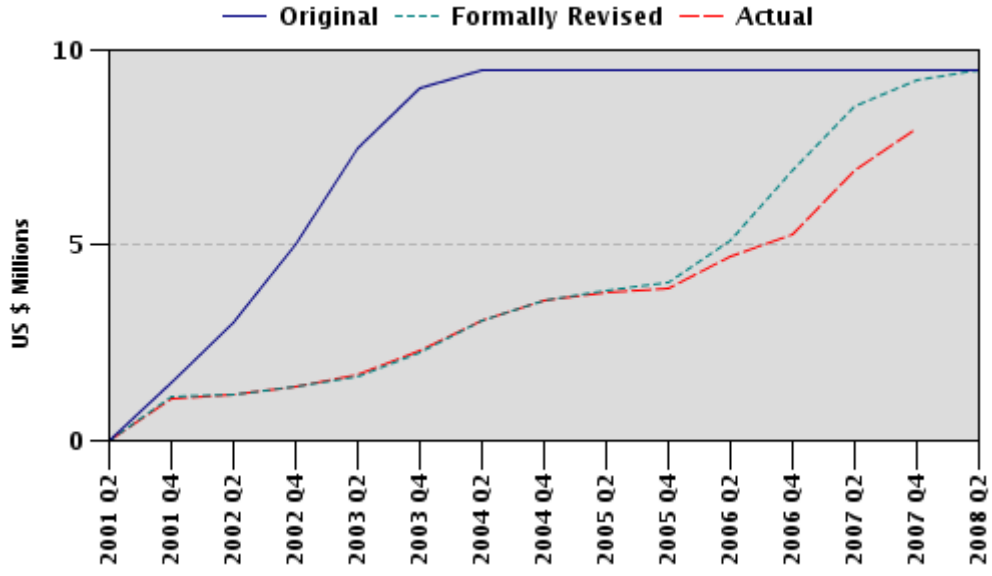
Construction of the solid waste landfill is complete and is now operational. Capacity building for landfill operation continues as part of landfill operation activities and a tire shredder is to be installed using savings from landfill construction, thus improving the solid waste management operation beyond what was originally planned. The project is well on its way to meeting its development objectives despite a difficult sociopolitical environment that hinders the smooth flow of waste to the landfill. It is now planned to serve all communities in Northern West Bank and disburse all funds when it closes.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-24696	Effective	9.50	8.01	1.49	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Gaza II Emergency Water (P065920)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date : 06/07/2005

Midterm Review Date : 11/26/2006

Closing Date : 01/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : WBTF-55245

Sector(s): Sub-national government administration(67%), Water supply(15%), Sanitation(12%), Sewerage(6%)

Theme(s): Other urban development(P), Pollution management and environmental health(P), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction(S), Other human development(S), Rural services and infrastructure(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Project Development Objectives are to: (a) improve the efficiency, management, operation and delivery of water and wastewater services in Gaza; (b) functionally establish a modern, well run water utility in Gaza; and (c) strengthen the regulatory and institutional capacity of the Palestinian Water Authority.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

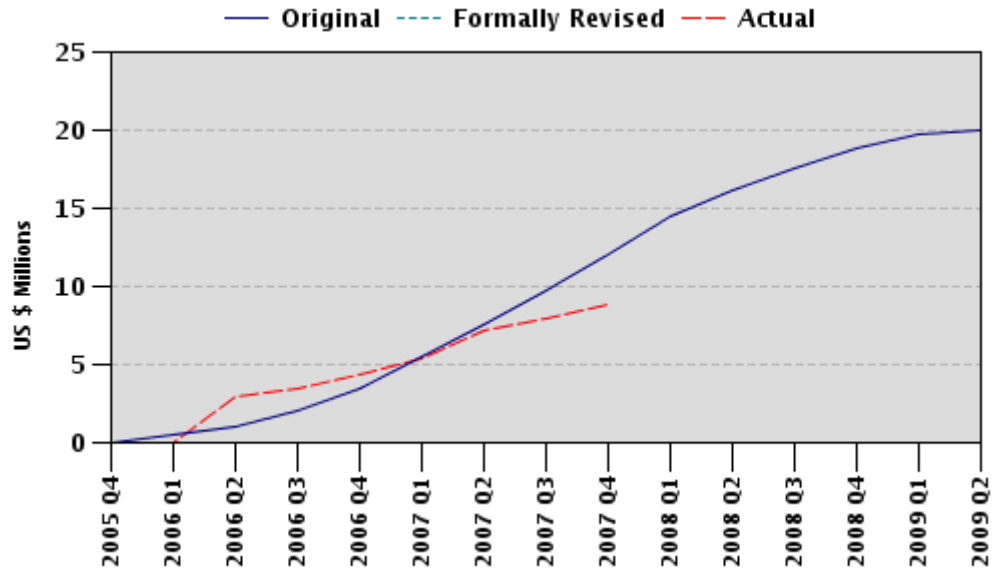
The project succeeded in keeping a good level of water and wastewater services in Gaza despite the extremely difficult security conditions. This includes increasing supplies, disinfection of drinking water, replacement of old service connections and blocked water meters and management of sewage treatment plants and collection system. Progress has also been made towards the establishment of the functioning utility in Gaza called "Coastal Municipalities Water Utility". This includes the development of the organization structure, the conduction of the skill assessments, the development of a transition and staffing plan, the equipping of the utility's regional offices and the opening of the utility's separate account. Moreover, the utility warehouses are under construction. In terms of the capacity building, the Palestinian Water Authority has launched its web site, developed the archiving system and operationalised good interface with the Coastal Municipalities Water Utility as the sole service provider in Gaza.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-55245	Effective	20.00	8.80	11.20	0.00



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MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION



Project Name (ID): Emergency Water (P065921)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date : 07/29/2003

Midterm Review Date : 03/11/2006

Closing Date : 09/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : MULT-52627

Sector(s): Water supply(96%), Sub-national government administration(4%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing(P), Rural services and infrastructure(P), Water resource management(P), Municipal governance and institution building(S), Other human development(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project objective is to help alleviate the chronic shortages of safe water supplies, and reduce system losses, water costs and health risks to the population of the southern West Bank.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

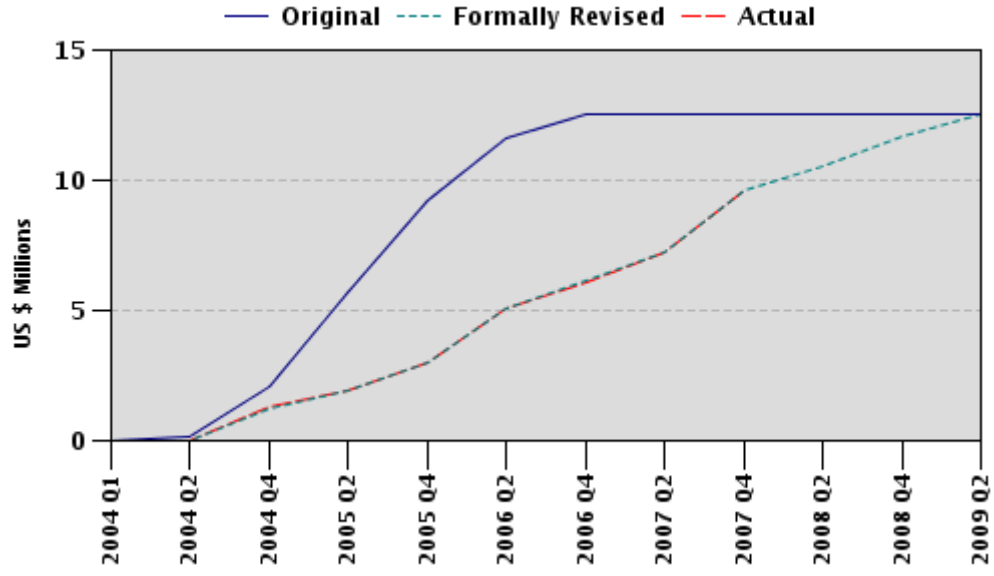
The project continues to make progress towards achieving its development objectives: construction of water transmission pipelines, rehabilitation and installation of new house connections and distribution networks have been completed; the supply and installation of equipment for the East Herodian well is nearing completion; and the quantity of water supply available to households will increase by about 1.7 million cubic meters by September 2007. Of the eight packages to be implemented under the project, six have already been completed and two are under construction and expected to be completed by mid July 2007.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-52627	Effective	12.50	9.64	2.86	0.00



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MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION



Project Name (ID): Integrated Community Development Project (P069986)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date : 05/23/2002

Midterm Review Date : 12/02/2004

Closing Date : 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : MULT-50591

Sector(s): General water, sanitation and flood protection sector(30%), General education sector(30%), Health(27%), Telecommunications(10%), Sub-national government administration(3%)

Theme(s): Participation and civic engagement(P), Municipal governance and institution building(P), Rural services and infrastructure(P), Access to urban services and housing(P), Other social protection and risk management(P)

Project Development Objectives:

The project development objective is to improve the quality and availability of basic social and economic services in poor and marginalized communities of the West Bank and Gaza which would be realized through financing investment in local infrastructure and institutions.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY 07

The project received US\$5 million in additional financing during Fiscal Year 2007. The project activities have remained the same but there is an increased emphasis on short-term employment generation and targeting marginalized groups (such as youth and women).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

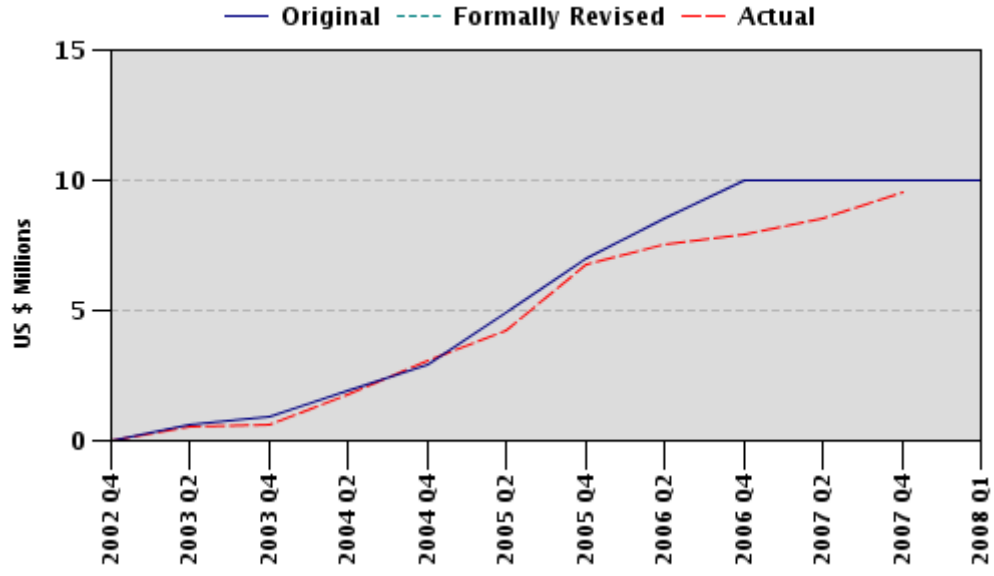
Progress in achieving the project development objectives during Fiscal Year 2007 has been less than expected. No microprojects were identified by the end of June 2007 and as a result no disbursements were made on the additional financing. However, implementation progressed in July and August 2007. Microprojects have been identified in the West Bank and are likely to be completed by the project's closing date of December 31, 2007. However, implementation in Gaza remains a problem. Most of the identified microprojects in Gaza are for infrastructure and these are unlikely to be built during the remaining life of the project due to the closures and restrictions on importing materials. There is a possibility that the grant recipient might request an extension given the difficulty of completing projects in Gaza for reasons beyond its control.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-50591	Effective	10.00	9.51	0.49	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Emergency Municipal Service Rehab. II (P074594)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date : 12/19/2006

Closing Date : 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : WBTF-57873, DANI-54521

Sector(s): General water, sanitation and flood protection sector(35%), Power(23%), Roads and highways(18%), Other social services(12%), General public administration sector(12%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing(P), Other social protection and risk management(P), Municipal finance(P), Social safety nets(S), Pollution management and environmental health(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Project Development Objectives are to provide funding for infrastructure rehabilitation and maintenance to help mitigate further deterioration in the delivery of essential municipal services, and create temporary job opportunities at the local level through the launching of labor-intensive employment generation schemes. In addition, through the Municipal Development Lending Fund, the project would pilot innovative initiatives to improve municipal service cost recovery (through the introduction of pre-paid electric metering systems) and leverage partnerships with local Non-government Organizations to deliver services more effectively.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

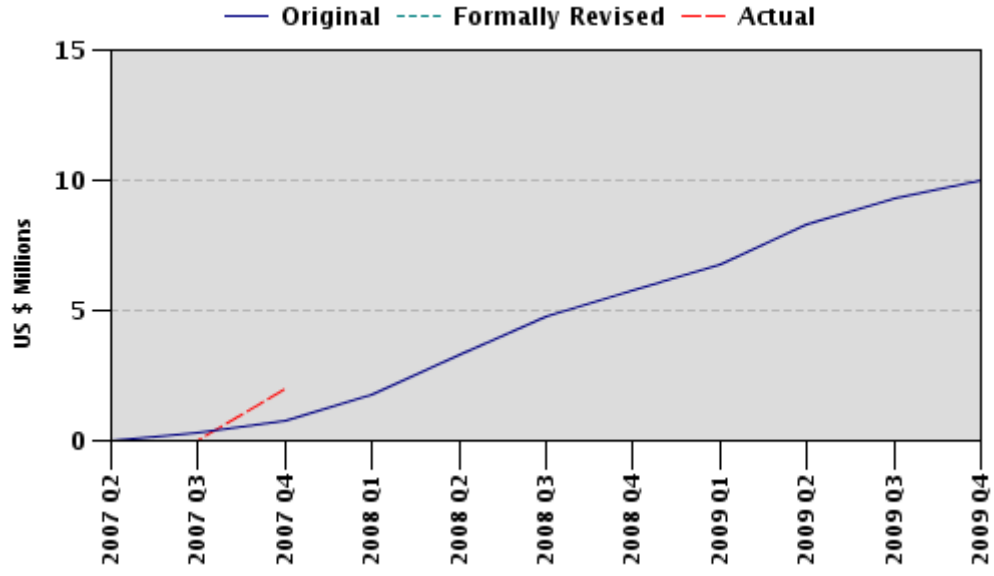
The project was approved by the Board in December 19, 2006 and declared effective February 28, 2007. Over 500 emergency services and job creation programs have been prepared and approved by the implementing agency in July 2007 and are now under implementation. As one example, Gaza Municipality is carrying out a street addressing and building number project to create a sound basis for improving revenue collection, while employing local labor force and technical staff (68% labor content) who are facing severe economic conditions and very high levels of unemployment. Despite difficulties in getting the program off the ground due to political and security difficulties, this project is likely to meet its emergency recovery objectives.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-57873	Effective	10.00	1.99	8.01	0.00
DANI-54521	Effective	2.47	1.23	1.25	0.00



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MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION



Project Name (ID): North Gaza Emergency Sewage Treatment (P074595)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date : 09/07/2004

Midterm Review Date : 11/22/2006

Closing Date : 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : MULT-54208, EECT-57595

Sector(s): Sanitation(50%), Sewerage(50%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health(P), Water resource management(S), Other human development(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (i) mitigate the immediate and gathering health and environmental safety threats to the communities surrounding the effluent Lake at Beit Lahia wastewater treatment plant; and (ii) provide a satisfactory long-term solution to the treatment of wastewater for the Northern Governorate in Gaza.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

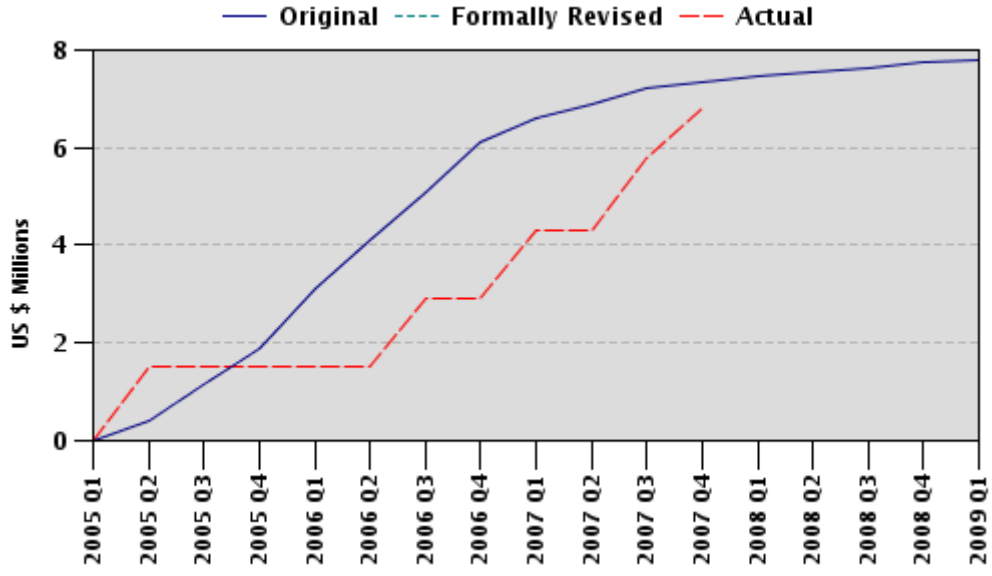
Implementation remains slower than expected due to the extremely difficult conditions of access and material delivery. The delays have resulted in sewage flooding on March 27th, 2007, which caused death and injury in the surrounding area. Packages designed to drain the lake at Beit Lahiya are under construction and expected to be completed by early 2008. As for the wastewater treatment plant with a capacity of 35,000 cubic meters per day, it is expected that as soon as additional funding can be committed and confirmed, the construction contract will start in late 2007, and expected to be completed in 2009. The revised total project cost is US\$63.5 million with contributions from France, Sweden, Belgium, the European Commission and the European Investment Bank.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-54208	Effective	7.80	6.80	1.00	0.00
EECT-57595	Effective	7.94	0.00	7.94	0.00



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MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION



Project Name (ID): Land Administration (P080892)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date : 01/26/2005

Midterm Review Date : 06/23/2006

Closing Date : 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : FINN-54637, MULT-54686

Sector(s): Central government administration(68%), Sub-national government administration(14%), Law and justice(10%), Other industry(4%), Tertiary education(4%)

Theme(s): Personal and property rights(P), Land administration and management(P), Legal institutions for a market economy(S), Administrative and civil service reform(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to assess the feasibility of introducing reforms in land administration within an emerging government structure by enabling the formulation of policy, legal and institutional changes to achieve efficient procedures for the issuance of land titles and registration of property transactions, and transparent processes for the management and disposal of public land.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

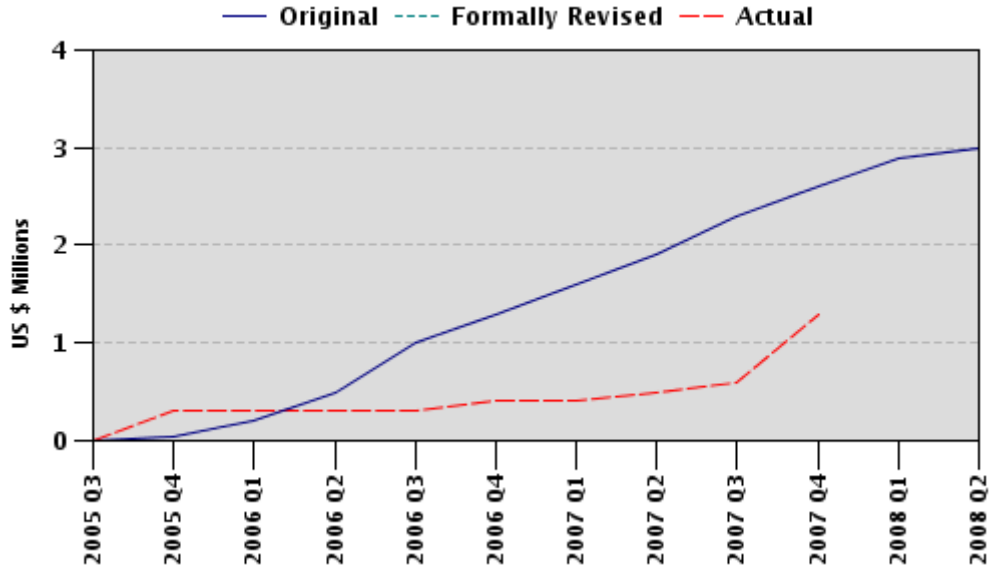
Despite the severe political conditions in the West Bank and Gaza, the commitment towards reforming the land administration and management sectors has continued even with the changes of the governments. To date, the preparation of policies to reform the sector is undergoing with strong support from the Ministry of Planning; to this effect, a decree to reform the Land Authority as well as public land management has been drafted and is currently being reviewed for consideration by the government. Similarly, the pilot systematic land surveying and registration, the first since 1967, is progressing as planning. Already 3,000 of the planned 10,000 dunums have been surveyed and titles are gradually being issued. The project has recently secured an additional US\$1 million (in parallel financing) from the Government of Finland towards land surveying. Finally, the Trust Fund Grant Agreement is in the process of being amended to extend the closing date of the Grant till December 31, 2008. This will allow the PA to finalize the initiated work especially that related to policy formulation, the surveying of 10,000 dunums as well as the reform of the Land Authority.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
FINN-54637	Effective	1.48	0.55	0.93	0.00
MULT-54686	Effective	3.00	1.26	1.74	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Social Safety Net Reform Project (P081477)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date : 06/03/2004

Midterm Review Date : 02/27/2007

Closing Date : 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : MULT-53793, MULT-53377

Sector(s): Other social services(90%), Central government administration(10%)

Theme(s): Social safety nets(P), Social risk mitigation(P), Child health(S), Education for all(S), Other public sector governance(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of the project is to: (a) mitigate the impact of the present social and economic crisis on the most vulnerable;(b) protect the human capital of poor children in the West Bank and Gaza; and (c) strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Social Affairs in order to improve the transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of the Special Hardship Cases Program and its main social assistance program.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY 07

The goal of the restructuring was to downsize the scope of the project due to the deteriorating country context and the limited funds available. As a result, the project was restructured with an objective of mitigating the impact of the continued socio-economic crisis on a subset of the poorest and most vulnerable households, while continuing to strengthen the Ministry of Social Affairs' capacity to manage cash transfer programs. The conditional element of the cash transfer program was dropped, as the current country context (limited movement) prevented social workers from monitoring certain aspects.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

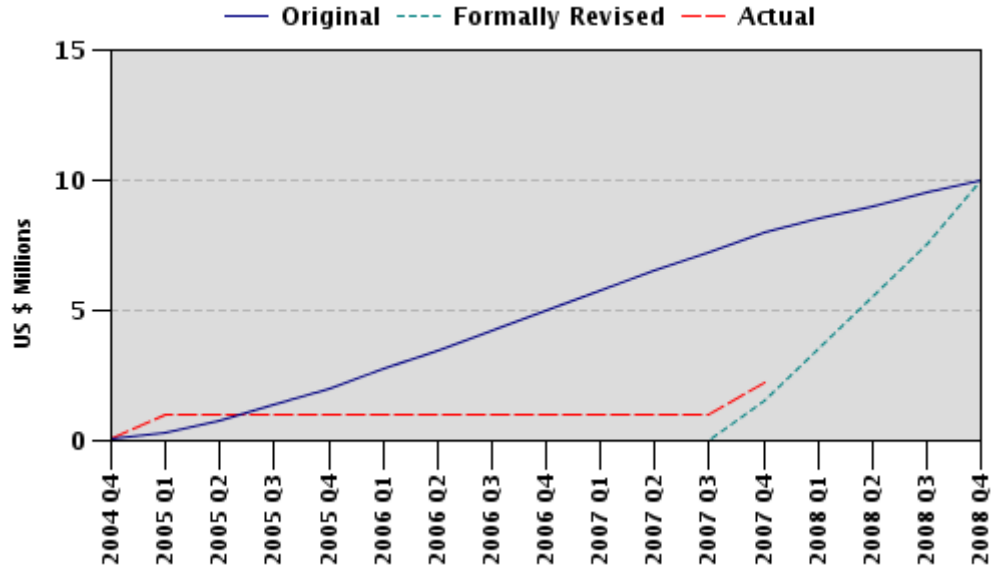
The country situation continues to deteriorate, especially in Gaza where about 70 percent of the project beneficiaries reside. The project continues to operate under extremely difficult conditions and therefore there are questions as to whether the project will achieve its development objective, taking into account the performance to date.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-53793	Effective	10.00	2.17	7.83	0.00
MULT-53377	Closed	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.20



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Project Name (ID): Tertiary Education Project (P083767)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date : 04/26/2005

Midterm Review Date : 05/19/2007

Closing Date : 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : MULT-53897, WBTF-55089, JPN-53333, EECT-56121

Sector(s): Tertiary education(80%), Central government administration(20%)

Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy(P), Administrative and civil service reform(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are: (a) to improve the regulatory environment for tertiary education management, governance and quality assurance, (b) increase internal and external efficiency of the tertiary education system, as a first step toward achieving sustainability, and (c) to create incentives and provide the basis for improvements in efficiency, quality and relevance of tertiary education institutions in order to meet the socioeconomic needs of the Palestinian population.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

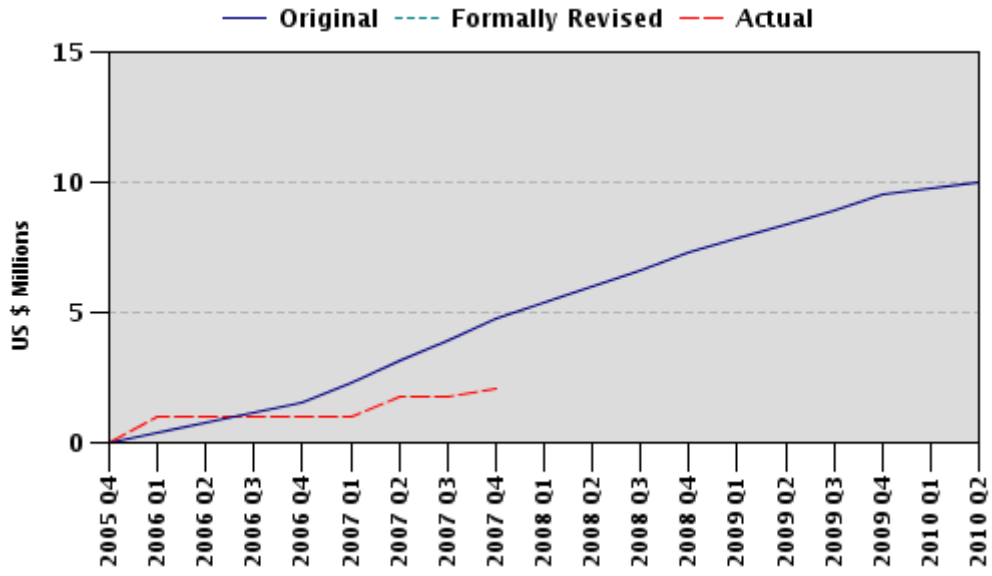
The development objectives defined for this project are still attainable. However, given the uncertain political environment and the lack of implementation progress in some areas, achievement of the development objectives is behind schedule, and at risk of not being achieved before the closing date.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-53897	Closed	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.30
WBTF-55089	Effective	10.00	2.11	7.89	0.00
JPN-53333	Closed	0.28	0.19	0.00	0.08
EECT-56121	Effective	6.61	0.87	5.70	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Palestinian NGO Project III (P096777)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date : 12/19/2006

Closing Date : 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : JPN-57074, WBTF-57872

Sector(s): Other social services(84%), Health(16%)

Theme(s): Social safety nets(P), Participation and civic engagement(P), Health system performance(S), Other social protection and risk management(S), Improving labor markets(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to provide social services to those who are poor, vulnerable or affected by the deteriorating socioeconomic conditions by establishing an effective mechanism to improve the quality and sustainability of NGO social service delivery.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

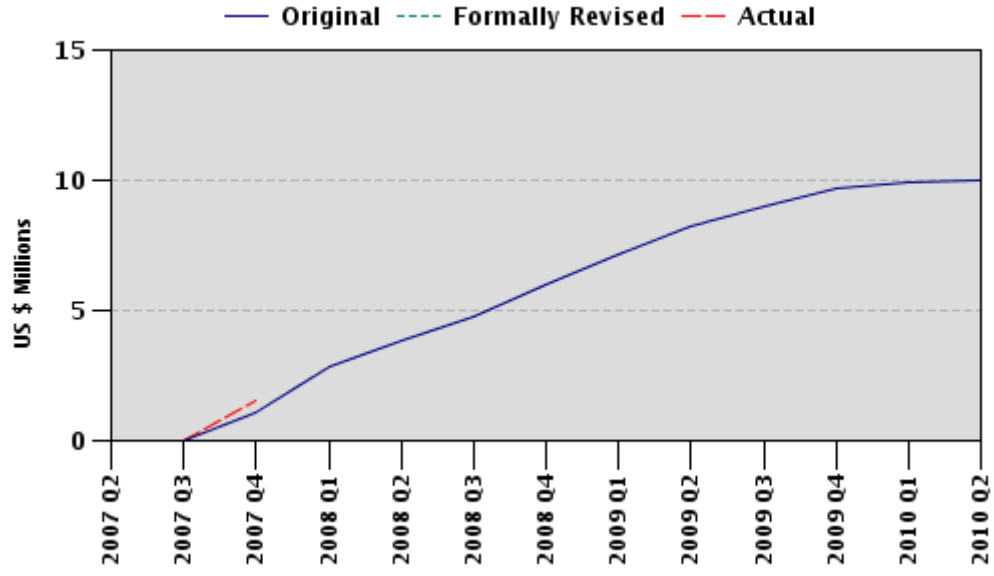
Progress towards achieving the development objectives is positive. The Legal Agreement was submitted to the Board in December, 2006 and the project became effective in February 2007. By the end of June 2007, the Non-government Organization (NGO) Development Center had identified eight NGO hospitals which would be providing specialized health care services that will benefit citizens of the West Bank and Gaza, especially the poor and marginalized. In addition, it conducted consultations with the main NGO networks in the West Bank and Gaza on a draft Code of Conduct for NGOs. This effort is important in establishing standards of governance, accountability and transparency within the NGO sector.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
JPN-57074	Closed	0.35	0.23	0.12	0.00
WBTF-57872	Effective	10.00	1.50	8.50	0.00



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MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION



Project Name (ID): Avian/Human Influenza Prevention/Control (P100568)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date : 09/07/2006

Midterm Review Date : 03/14/2007

Closing Date : 01/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : WBTF-57322

Sector(s): General public administration sector(60%), Health(31%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(5%), Solid waste management(3%), Other social services(1%)

Theme(s): Other communicable diseases(P), Natural disaster management(P), Rural services and infrastructure(P), Pollution management and environmental health(S), Social risk mitigation(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Project Development Objectives are to assist the Palestinian Authority in (a) minimizing the threat posed to humans by Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) infection and other zoonoses in domestic poultry; and (b) preparing for controlling and responding to Avian Influenza pandemic and other infectious disease emergencies among humans. This would be measured by: (i) sustained prevention rate among high-risk groups; (ii) reduced infection rate of HPAI in poultry; and (iii) a targeted percentage of farmer's income loss compensated.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

A US\$3.0 million grant to United Nations Development Programme was provided from the Avian Influenza Trust Fund Facility and is currently under implementation to address emergency and immediate interventions for avian influenza prevention and control measures. Under this grant, in partnership with Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization, most of the planned activities have been initiated.

Regarding the US\$10 million Grant under the Special Financing facility, the conditions of effectiveness have been met and the project was declared effective on March 14, 2007. However, some important milestones have yet to be reached by the National Emergency Committee for Avian Influenza Control. These factors, as well as the volatile security situation in the West Bank and Gaza, would impact on the pace of project implementation.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-57322	Effective	10.00	1.18	8.82	0.00



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